

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF KHANDAGIRI AND UDAYAGIRI SITES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (A.S.I.) has taken any steps for maintenance and development of Khandagiri and Udayagiri historical sites in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The funds allocated and expenditure incurred on these monuments during each of the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Archaeological Survey of India has taken steps for the maintenance and development of Khandagiri and Udayagiri Caves in Orissa.

Apart from normal maintenance activities, some of the special works taken up include.

1. Sealing of the cracks to check the ingress of water.
2. Leveling the area.
3. Providing sand stone pavement.
4. Fencing over dwarf wall.
5. Environmental development.

(c) The funds allocated and the expenditure incurred on these monuments during each of the last three years is furnished below: -

Year Expenditure in Rs.

2001-2002	2,70,744
2002-2003	1,39,60,117
2003-2004	1,39,881
2004 April to 28.2.2005	6,83,384